

STATE BOARD OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Minutes of May 8, 2007
Utah Department of Human Services
120 North 200 West
Salt Lake City, Utah

Attended:

Board Members:

Dr. Michael Crookston, Chair
Paula Bell, Vice-Chair
Darryl Wagner
Lou Callister

Joleen Meredith
Nora B Stephens
James Ashworth

Staff:

Mark Payne
Ron Stromberg
Peggy Grusendorf

Brent Kelsey
Jan Fryer

Guests:

Jack Tanner
Harold Morrill
Kevin Eastman
Angela Smart

Sherri Wittwer
Jan Ferre
Michelle Jenson
Steve Jardine

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Welcome/Introductions and Recognition	Paula Bell opened the meeting, welcomed those in attendance, and introductions were made. Paula, on behalf of the Board, recognized Jack Tanner who is retiring in June. Thanks and appreciation were expressed to Jack for his knowledge and information that he has provided to the Board and for the positive impact that he has made on the Board and the entire public mental health and substance abuse system. The Board presented Jack with a gift.	
Approval of April 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes		Nora B moved that the April 19 th meeting minutes be approved as written. Motion seconded by Darryl and approved unanimously.
Presentation by Weber Human Services	Harold Morrill, Director of Weber Human Services, provided background information on the agency. He reported that the agency is an entity under the State of Utah and is governed by the three county commissioners from Weber County, two county councilmen from Morgan County and a substance abuse, mental health, and aging representative from the community. Harold noted that Weber is the only area in the state that has an inter-local agreement where all three local authority programs (aging, substance abuse and mental health) are offered under the same administration. Citizen Advisory Councils are active in all three programs, and citizens from each of the three programs actively serve on the Policy Board for Weber Human Services. Harold reviewed the organizational chart for the agency and noted that turnovers in leadership in the near future will be a challenge. Harold introduced Kevin Eastman, Chief Operating Officer, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the programs and facilities offered by Weber Human Services for adults and children. He highlighted the Archway Partnership Program, which is a collaborative effort between the Division of Child and Family Services, Juvenile Justice Services and Weber Human Services and provides services to people using a unified approach. Information was also provided on the areas that Weber is currently considering submitting applications for, in order to receive some of the new funding appropriated by this year's legislature. Kevin introduced Michelle Jenson who reported on the area of technology and the agency's new management information system. Michelle reported that agency management agreed to build their own system rather than purchase a new system, and that	The Board was impressed with the facilities and programs described by Weber staff and expressed appreciation to them for attending and providing an overview of the agency.

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Weber Presentation (continued)	it is one of the premiere management information systems in the state. She reviewed some of the highlights of the system and reported that its areas of focus include compliance, integration and partnerships. Michelle indicated that on July 1 st , Weber will go live with the system with Wasatch Mental Health, and shortly thereafter, will also bring on Utah County Substance Abuse and Heber Valley Counseling. It was reported that efforts are being made to share this program with other areas of the state as well.	
Update on Legislative Visit to the Utah State Hospital on May 2 nd	Peggy Grusendorf, Assistant Superintendent at the Utah State Hospital provided the Board with information on the recent visit to the Hospital by the Health and Human Services Appropriations Sub-Committee. She indicated that individuals from the Disability Law Center, the Utah Hospital Association and advocacy groups also participated, and a tour of the adult and forensic units was provided. It was reported that many of these individuals had not previously visited the Hospital and that the responses from those who took the tour were positive. The Appropriations Sub-Committee also held their quarterly meeting at the Hospital following the tour. Peggy reported that Janice Houston from the University of Utah, Center for Public Policy and Administration has also visited the Hospital. The Governor's Office has requested that Janice conduct an audit on the Hospital, and she will report to the Legislature at their July Interim meeting. Tom Vaughn, Legislative Research and General Council, along with legislators will visit the Hospital on May 15 th and individuals from the Division of Construction and Facilities Management will visit on May 23 rd .	FYI.
Draft Rule R523-1-1. Board of Substance Abuse and Mental Health-Responsibilities	Brent Kelsey distributed the revised draft rule per the Board's discussion at the April meeting. He also distributed and reviewed Utah Code 63-46a-2, which defines an administrative rule, and Utah Code 63-46a-3, which provides information about when rulemaking is required or not required. Utah Code 62A-15-105 which defines the authority and responsibilities of the Board was also distributed and reviewed. The Board specifically addressed the revised rule and minor changes were recommended and noted. There was discussion about whether or not the statute also needs to be changed, however, it was determined that the statute could remain as written.	Brent will make the revisions to the draft rule per the discussion and will present the rule to the Board at their June 12 th meeting as an action item.
UBHN/UAC Merger – Advocacy	Jack Tanner expressed his appreciation to the Board for their courtesy shown to him over the years and for allowing him the opportunity to present information and issues to the Board for their attention. He introduced Angela Smart, who will succeed him in his role as the Executive Director of the Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network (UBHN), now a subsidiary of the Utah Association of Counties (UAC). Angela previously worked at the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health as the Director of Data and Research and has worked with UBHN for the past few years. Angela indicated that she is looking forward to working with the Board in her new role. She updated the Board on recent meetings held with UAC to negotiate some of the charter issues that will allow UBHN to remain intact in terms of their work plan, structure and the way that they are organized. Angela reported that UBHN has received a copy of the charter as well as the new UAC By-laws, and both documents have been adopted and passed by the UAC Board and the UBHN Board. Angela reviewed the areas that UBHN is currently focusing on and reported that after the first of June, UBHN will be transitioning to the UAC offices.	FYI.

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Agenda for June 12 th Board meeting	The Board discussed their visit to the State Hospital for their June 12 th meeting and agreed that they would like to have a tour of the Hospital while there. They also entertained the idea of inviting legislators to join them in the tour. This would provide an opportunity for the Board to have some dialogue and share information regarding the facilities and the services provided at the Hospital, and to understand the milestones that have been accomplished over the years.	A letter will be sent to those legislators identified by the Board inviting them to join them on June 12 th for a tour of the Hospital followed by lunch and the monthly Board meeting. The tour will begin at 10:30 am, with lunch at noon and the meeting beginning at 1:00 pm.
Utah State Hospital Report	Peggy Grusendorf updated the Board on the State Hospital and reported that they have been remodeling the children's facility and indicated that the Board's tour in June will include the children's unit. Problems continue with the Slate Canyon Water Project and the Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM) has not yet closed the bid and are still working with the contractor on this project. Peggy reported on the following capital improvements which DFCM has approved, 1) upgrading the heating in the children's facility, 2) a new generator for the forensic building that will support the heating and air conditioning, and 3) continued upgrades on the electrical sub-station. Relative to the census at the State Hospital, there are nine adult beds currently available. The Forensic Unit is full and the waiting list is at 18 individuals, with a current waiting list time of four to six weeks.	FYI.
Adjourn		Lou moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Jolene and approved unanimously.